

## **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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### **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §§ 371 national phase conversion of PCT/FR2004/002101, filed August 6, 2004, which claims priority of French Application No. 0309954, filed August 14, 2003. The PCT International Application was published in the French language.

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### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Other features and advantages of the invention will become apparent on reading the following description of particular embodiments of the invention, given by way of indication but implying no limitation, with reference to the appended drawings, ~~in which:~~

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

[[ - ]] ~~figure~~ Figure 1 is a partial schematic view in perspective illustrating a flexible tubular pipe suitable for implementing the method of draining and venting the permeate gases according to the invention;

[[ - ]] ~~figure~~ Figure 2 is a schematic sectional view on II-II of the tubular pipe illustrated in ~~figure~~ Figure 1; and

[[ - ]] ~~figure~~ Figure 3 is a schematic view in perspective of one element of the tubular pipe illustrated in ~~figure~~ Figure 1 and 2.

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**DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**